

## YEAS—13.

Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Collins,	Jones,	Pope,
Davis,	Patton,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Perry,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

## NAYS—10.

Buchanan,	Houston,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Peacock,
Farrar,	Kleberg,	Shannon.
Gooch,		

Senator Matlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the eighteenth House amendment. Lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—9.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Houston,	Peacock,
Fleming,	Johnston of Shelby,	Shannon.

## NAYS—14.

Chesley,	Getzendaner,	Perry,
Collins,	Gibbs,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Evans,	Jones,	Traylor.
Farrar,	Patton,	

Senator Gibbs moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to concur in third House amendment.

Senator Cooper moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill and amendments till Monday morning.

Lost by the following vote.

## YEAS—11.

Chesley,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Peacock,
Farrar,	Jones,	Shannon.
Fleming,	Kleberg,	

## NAYS—13.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Perry,
Collins,	Houston,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Terrell,
Evans,	Patton,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,		

Senator Cooper moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called, absent, Senator Pope.

Pending business went to the table under the call.

Senator Cooper moved to adjourn till 3 o'clock this evening.

Lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—10.

Davis,	Gibbs,	Kleberg,
Evans,	Johnson of Collin,	Perry,
Farrar,	Jones,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,		

## NAYS—13.

Buchanan,	Houston,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Collins,	Matlock,	Shannon,
Cooper,	Patton,	Terrell.
Gooch,		

On motion of Senator Gooch, the Senate adjourned till 10 a. m. Monday.

## SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER, }  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 2, 1883. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Senator Pope moved that the reading of the journal of Saturday be dispensed with.

Adopted, and the same approved.

Senator Traylor, chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 343, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry H. Barnes," not having the time and facilities for making a thorough examination of the merits of the same, recommend that the same lay on the table and be acted on by a future Legislature.

While your committee think it might be proper to allow reasonable fees in all cases where the State was cast in the suit, they do not think the State should be liable for cost because of the insolvency of individuals.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TRAYLOR, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Gooch moved to take up the motion of Senator Gibbs, pending on adjournment Saturday, to reconsider the vote by which the Senate refused to concur in third House amendment to Senate bill 269, selling and leasing school lands, etc.

Adopted.

Senator Gibbs then withdrew his motion to reconsider, by unanimous consent.

Senator Gooch moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate concurred in the House amendments to Senate bill No. 269 "An act to provide for the classification, sale and lease of the lands heretofore or hereafter surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common school, university, the lunatic, blind, deaf and dumb, and orphan asylum funds."

Adopted.

Also moved that a free conference committee of five from the Senate, to act with a like committee from the House to settle the differences existing between the two bodies, be appointed.

Adopted.

Senator Patton made a point of order that the Senate was acting under the previous question on adjournment on Saturday.

The point of order was overruled.

The chair appointed on said committee on the part of the Senate Senators Gooch, Matlock, Fleming, Davis and Shannon.

Senator Davis requested to be excused, which was granted, and Senator Gibbs appointed in his place.

Senator Cooper, by unanimous consent, withdrew his motion to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 377 was passed.

Senator Buchanan moved to suspend regular order of business and take up Senate bill No. 280, "An act to regulate telegraph companies and to prescribe a penalty for the violation of the same," and make it a special order to-morrow morning after morning call, and from day to day till disposed of.

Adopted.

The President laid before the Senate House bill No. 59, "An act to amend sections 1, 2 and 9, of an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled 'an act creating the office of public weigher, and regulating the appointment, and defining the duties and liabilities thereof,'" which went to the table under a call of the Senate, on last Friday.

Senator Martin moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called.

Absent, Senator Perry.

On motion of Senator Gibbs, Senator Perry was excused by the following vote:

YEAS—16.		
Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Kleberg,
Chesley,	Houston,	Pope,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Evans,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Jones,	Traylor.
Getzendaner,		
NAYS—7.		
Cooper,	Matlock,	Peacock,
Gooch,	Patton,	Pfeuffer.
Martin,		

The President pro tem. gave notice of signing Senate bill No. 135, "An act to create the land district of Mitchell and Howard."

Senate bill No. 46, "An act to authorize and require the county commissioners' courts of the several counties of this State to provide for the payment of all claims due teachers of public free schools, audited as valid claims under acts of the Legislature of Texas, approved August 7, 1876, or April 22, 1879, and to audit and pay such claims as should have been presented to and audited by the auditorial boards provided by said acts."

Senator Chesley offered the following amendment to pending bill (House bill No. 59):

Amend first section by providing for the appointment by commissioners' courts of the weighers in all cases where the bill provides for an election.

Senator Jones moved the previous question on bill and amendment.

Motion seconded.

Main question ordered, and

Amendment of Senator Chesley lost by the following vote:

YEAS—7.		
Chesley,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby	Patton.
Getzendaner,		
NAYS—15.		
Buchanan,	Houston,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jones,	Pope,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Gibbs,	Martin,	Traylor.

The Senate refused to pass bill to its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—10.		
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Martin,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jones,	Traylor.
Fleming,		
NAYS—12.		
Buchanan,	Johnston of Shelby,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Kleberg,	Pope,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Shannon,
Gooch,	Patton,	Terrell.

The President pro tem. gave notice of signing substitute House bill No. 274, "An act to amend articles 1667 and 1693 of the Revised Statutes."

Senator Pope moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate refused to pass House bill No. 59, relative to public weighers, to its third reading.

Senator Cooper moved to lay motion of Senator Pope on the table.

Senator Pope moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called, and

The Senate was announced full, and

Senator Cooper's motion to lay on the table was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.		
Buchanan,	Gooch,	Kleberg,
Cooper,	Houston,	Patton,
Getzendaner,	Johnston of Shelby,	Shannon.
NAYS—14.		
Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Jones,	Pope,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Matlock,	Traylor.
Gibbs,	Peacock,	

Senator Pope's motion to reconsider adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.		
Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Pope,
Davis,	Jones,	Shannon,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Peacock,	Traylor.
Gibbs,	Pfeuffer,	
NAYS—9.		
Buchanan,	Gooch,	Kleberg,
Cooper,	Houston,	Matlock,
Getzendaner,	Johnston of Shelby,	Patton.

Senator Shannon offered the following amendment:

Amend by inserting in that portion of the bill which provides for the election of cotton weigher: "That the county commissioners' court may provide by appointment for cotton weighers, to hold office until the next general election and until their successors are qualified."

Adopted, and bill passed to its third reading by the following vote:

YEAS—13.		
Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Pope,
Davis,	Jones,	Shannon,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell,
Fleming,	Pfeuffer,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		
NAYS—10.		
Buchanan,	Houston,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Patton,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Peacock.
Gooch,		

Substitute House bill No. 394, "An act making an appropriation for the support of the State government for the years beginning March 1, 1883, and ending February 28, 1885," was taken up and read third time.

Senator Getzendaner offered the following amendment:

After line 14, page 3, printed bill, add the following: "For advertising constitutional amendments to be submitted to the people before the next meeting of the Legislature, only so much thereof to be used as may be necessary, \$20,000."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—21.		
Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Gooch,	Patton,
Cooper,	Houston,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Traylor.
NAYS—2.		
Johnson of Collin,	Pope.	

Senator Buchanan offered the following amendment:

Under the head of State University, insert the following: "For surveying one million of acres of land for the State University, the land to be selected and surveyed under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the expenses to be paid on his warrant out of the available university fund, \$30,000."

Adopted by the following vote:

## YEAS—21.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Patton,
Chesley,	Houston,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Jones,	Pope,
Evans,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Martin,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Matlock,	Traylor.

## NAYS—1.

Johnson of Collin.

Senator Davis moved that this bill be recommitted to finance committee.

Senator Gibbs moved to amend motion of Senator Davis by recommitting the bill to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report a bill providing for current salaries, the same as now paid the several departments of government, till July, 1883.

Senator Pfeuffer moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called.

Absent, Senator Gibbs.

Senator Gooch moved to excuse Senator Gibbs.

Senate refused to excuse by the following vote, it requiring a two-thirds vote to excuse under a call of the Senate:

## YEAS—11.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Pope,
Fleming,	Johnston of Shelby,	Terrell.
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	

## NAYS—10.

Cooper,	Martin,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Patton,	Shannon,
Evans,	Peacock,	Traylor.
Houston,		

(Senator Fleming in the chair.)

Senator Cooper, chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 46, being "An act to authorize and require the county commissioners' courts of the several counties of this State to provide for the payment of all claims due teachers of public free schools, audited as valid claims under acts of the Legislature of Texas approved August 7, 1867, or April 22, A. D. 1879, and to audit and pay such claims as should have been presented to and audited by the auditorial boards provided by said acts," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

COOPER, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Enrolled Bills have carefully examined and compared Senate bill No. 135, being "An act to create the land districts of Mitchell and Howard," and find the same correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., presented the same to the Governor for his approval.

COOPER, Chairman.

Senator Johnston, for Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. Marion Martin, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 358, entitled "An act to amend sections 5 and 10 of 'an act to organize the twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth, twenty-ninth, thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth judicial districts, and to fix the time of holding the courts therein, to change the time of holding the district courts in the seventh and fourteenth judicial districts, and in the counties of Kaufman, Sabine, San Augustine and Nacogdoches, and to provide for a district attorney in the sixteenth judicial district,' approved March 27, 1883," have considered the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

The bill merely changes the time of holding the courts in the counties of Williamson and Travis.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHNSTON, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

The chair referred substitute House bill No. 456, "An act to fix the fees of Department of State and require collection of the same," to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Also, House substitute for Senate bill No. 157, "An act to amend section 2 of an act entitled 'an act to amend articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 430a, and to create article 426½, and to repeal article 430, of chapter 5, title 13, of the Penal Code, for the protection of fish and game,' approved March 15, 1881," to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Senator Terrell introduced a bill (No. 358) entitled "An act to amend sections 5 and 10 of 'an act to organize the twelfth, sixteenth, seventeenth, twenty-ninth, thirty-fourth, and thirty-fifth judicial districts, and to fix the times of holding the courts therein, to change the times for holding the district courts in the seventh and fourteenth judicial districts, and in the counties of Kaufman, Sabine, San Augustine and Nacogdoches, and to provide for a district attorney in the sixteenth judicial district,' approved March 27, 1883."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

The absent Senator (Gibbs) returned, the Senate announced full, and the consideration of House bill No. 394 (appropriation bill), which went to the table under the call, was resumed.

Senator Johnston of Shelby moved the previous question.

Motion seconded and main question ordered, and

Senator Gibbs' amendment to Senator Davis' amendment lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—4.

Cooper,	Evans,	Gibbs.
Davis,		

## NAYS—19.

Buchanan,	Johnston of Shelby,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Jones,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Pope,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Shannon,
Gooch,	Matlock,	Terrell,
Houston,	Patton,	Traylor.
Johnson of Collin,		

Senator Davis' motion to recommit was lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—10.

Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Patton,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Peacock,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

## NAYS—13.

Buchanan,	Houston,	Martin,
Chesley,	Johnston of Shelby,	Matlock,
Cooper,	Jones,	Pope,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell.
Gooch,		

Bill lost by the following vote:

## YEAS—11.

Buchanan,	Houston,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pope,
Fleming,	Jones,	Terrell.
Gooch,	Kleberg,	

## NAYS—12.

Cooper,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Farrar,	Martin,	Shannon,
Getzendaner,	Patton,	Traylor.

Senator Davis entered a motion to reconsider the vote just taken.

Senator Fleming moved that the request of the House

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for the return of Senate bill No. 120, "An act to provide for the payment of the expenses of attached witnesses in felony cases," be granted.

Adopted, and bill returned.

Senate joint resolution No. 22, "Requiring the Governor to submit all constitutional amendments passed by the Eighteenth Legislature to a vote of the people, and fixing the time at which the election shall be held," was taken up and read second time, with committee amendments.

Senator Matlock offered the following amendment to committee amendments:

Amend the committee amendments by inserting "second Tuesday" instead of "first Tuesday" in August.

Adopted, and committee amendments, as amended, adopted, and resolution ordered engrossed.

Senate joint resolution No. 24, "To amend section 6, article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," taken up with unfavorable report, and read second time.

Committee report adopted.

On motion of Senator Fleming, the bill was laid on the table.

Senate joint resolution No. 27, "Amending section 1, article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to prohibit those who fail to pay a poll tax for the benefit of public free schools from voting at any election," was taken up in regular order, and read second time.

Senator Davis moved to adopt the majority report.

Motion lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Davis,	Houston,	Matlock,
Getzendaner,	Johnson of Collin,	Shannon,
Gooch,	Jones,	Traylor.

NAYES—12.

Buchanan,	Fleming,	Peacock,
Chesley,	Gibbs,	Pfeuffer,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pope,
Evans,	Martin,	Terrell.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment:

Strike out "Third, all paupers supported by the county."

Senator Gooch moved the previous question on the amendment and the engrossment of the resolution.

Motion seconded and main question ordered.

Senator Terrell's amendment was adopted.

The Senate refused to engross the resolution by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Buchanan,	Gibbs,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pfeuffer,
Fleming,	Martin,	Terrell.

NAYES—12.

Chesley,	Houston,	Matlock,
Davis,	Johnson of Collin,	Patton,
Getzendaner,	Jones,	Shannon,
Gooch,	Kleberg,	Traylor.

Senator Davis moved to reconsider, and lay that motion on the table.

Senator Gibbs moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called.

Absent, Senators Evans and Pope.

On motion of Senator Johnston of Shelby, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Senator Terrell moved to take up the motion of Senator

Davis to reconsider the vote by which the appropriation bill was lost.

Senator Davis moved a call of the Senate.

Call seconded.

Roll called.

Absent, Senators Johnson of Collin and Pfeuffer.

The pending bill went to the table.

Senate joint resolution No. 29, "Amending section 24, article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," was taken up under a motion of Senator Davis to reconsider.

Motion withdrawn, and bill lost.

On motion of Senator Matlock, Senator Perry was excused for to-day by the following vote:

YEAS—23.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Patton,
Chesley,	Houston,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Johnson of Collin,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pope,
Evans,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Traylor.
Gibbs,	Matlock,	

NAYES—none.

The Senate announced full.

The consideration of House bill No. 394, (the appropriation bill) was resumed, and

The motion to reconsider adopted.

Senator Peacock offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding after line 17, page 13, the following:

"For the purpose of enabling the Penitentiary Board to resume control of the State penitentiaries, and operate the same on State account alone, to February 29, 1884, \$350,000.00; to February 29, 1885, \$150,000.00.

Senator Gooch offered the following amendment to amendment of Senator Peacock:

Amend by striking out the words "State account alone."

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House refused to concur in Senate amendment to substitute House bill No. 521, "An act to amend article 4462 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas."

Also, that the House concurs in Senate amendment to House bill No. 377, "An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of 'an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, and to regulate the same and the proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, A. D. 1879."

Senator Davis moved to recommit the pending bill to the Finance Committee, which was ruled out of order.

Senator Davis then moved to recommit the pending bill to a special committee.

The chair ruled that both motions had the same object, therefore were both out of order.

Senator Davis appealed from the decision of the President to that of the Senate.

Ruling of the chair was sustained by the Senate, by the following vote:

YEAS—19.

Buchanan,	Gooch,	Matlock,
Chesley,	Johnson of Collin,	Peacock,
Cooper,	Johnston of Shelby,	Pope,
Evans,	Jones,	Shannon,
Fleming,	Kleberg,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Martin,	Traylor.
Gibbs,		

NAYES—2.

Davis, Pfeuffer.

(Senator Fleming in the chair.)

Senator Gooch withdrew his amendment to the amendment of Senator Peacock, and

Senators Gooch and Traylor offered the following substitute for the amendment of Senator Peacock:

"In case the State shall resume, then, for the purpose of resuming control of the penitentiary and convicts, and for buying machinery and operating the convicts by lease, State account or contract, or part by one mode and part by others, as the Penitentiary Board or Legislature may determine, there shall be and is hereby appropriated all the proceeds and income of the penitentiary convicts and property in addition thereto, and also in addition to the \$50,000 hereinbefore appropriated, the sum of \$50,000."

Senator Chesley, chairman of Senate conference committee, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your committee of conference, appointed upon the part of the Senate, to act with a like committee upon the part of the House, to consider the disagreement between the two houses upon Senate amendments to substitute House joint resolutions Nos. 4, 10, 11 and 13, to "Amend section 3, article 7, of the Constitution," beg leave to report that we have been unable to agree, and ask for free conference powers.

A. CHESLEY,  
J. R. FLEMING,  
J. H. MARTIN,  
Senate Committee.  
R. C. FOSTER,  
G. C. PENDLETON,  
House Committee.

On motion of Senator Chesley, report was adopted.

On motion of Senator Pope the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

#### SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, April 3, 1883. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President pro tem. in the chair.

Roll called. Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Matlock, the reading of the journal was dispensed with, and the same, adopted.

Senator Gooch, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 346, entitled "An act to amend articles 396 and 398, Penal Code of the State of Texas, title 12, chapter 3," have carefully examined the same, and a majority instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GOOCH, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Gibbs, for Judiciary Committee No. 2, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 3, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 331, entitled "An act amending article 96 of the Penal Code, and creating article 96a," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GIBBS, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 3, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 356, entitled "An act to amend articles 358 and 364, chapter 3, title 11, of the Penal Code," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

The object of this bill is to so change the penalty for keeping gambling houses and for gaming as to add to the punishment imprisonment in the county jail absolutely instead of the alternative. In the judgment of your committee, such a change will have the effect of greatly lessening the evil and crime growing out of these offenses, and we believe that the public sentiment at this time strongly favors such legislation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GIBBS, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

Senator Johnson of Collin, chairman of Committee on Agriculture, submitted the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 2, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred House bill No. 283, entitled "An act to establish uniform weights per bushel for wheat, corn and other products of the State," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass, with the following amendment: Strike out "stone coal seventy pounds," and insert "stone coal eighty pounds."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHNSON of Collin, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

Senator Terrell, chairman of Judiciary Committee No. 1, submitted the following reports:

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 3, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 355, entitled "An act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county court of Madison county, and to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to such change," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill, introduced by the Senator from that county, is recommended favorably, because your committee are informed that the burden of sustaining the expense of so many terms of the county court is very great to the tax payers, without any proportionate corresponding benefit, the county being small and taxes already heavy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 3, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 354, entitled "An act to repeal so much of an act entitled 'an act to diminish the civil and criminal jurisdiction of the county courts of Matagorda, Camp, Houston, Kerr, Mason, San Patricio, Live Oak, Donley, Young, Comal, Atascosa and Wilson,' passed at the present session of the Eighteenth Legislature, as relates to the county of Houston," have carefully examined the same and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

This recommendation is made by reason of a protest, signed by four hundred citizens of Houston county, against the passage of the above recited act, which, however, had become a law before the protest had been received.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.

Bill read first time.

COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUSTIN, April 3, 1883.

Hon. A. W. Houston, President pro tem. of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 1, to whom was referred substitute House bill No. 456, entitled "An act to fix the fees of the Department of State, and require the collection of the same," have carefully examined the same, and instruct me to report the same back with the recommendation that it do pass.

This bill grades corporations and requires a fee for filing a charter in proportion to the capital stock of the corporation, and makes a difference between benevolent corporations and those for purely business and speculative purposes. It also reduces the fee for commissions to officers, and makes it obligatory on them to take out such commission, and provides that the Secretary of State shall not be required to forward copies of laws to nor attest the authority of any officer who fails to take out such commission. All of which provisions your committee believe to be wise and salutary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

TERRELL, Chairman.